<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please amend Claims 1, 6 through 10, 16, 17, and 22 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus comprising:

reproducing means for <u>(1)</u> reproducing <u>from a recording medium (a)</u> moving image data of a plurality of contents ~~from a recording medium~~ and <u>(b) management information which is different from the moving image data and which indicates addresses of the recording medium where the moving image data of the plurality of contents are recorded</u> and <u>(2)</u> writing the reproduced moving image data in a memory;

displaying means for displaying a plurality of representative images of the plurality of contents on the same screen;

selecting means for selecting a desired representative image from among the plurality of representative images displayed on the same screen;

reproduction instruction means for instructing reproduction start of the contents independently of a selecting operation by the selecting means;

reproduction processing means for reading out the moving image data stored in the memory and outputting the moving image data as reproduced moving image data; and

controlling means for effecting control of the reproducing means and the reproduction processing means <u>so that</u> in response to the selecting operation by the selecting means ~~while causing the display means to display the plurality of representative images so that~~ <u>when the plurality of representative images are displayed by the displaying means before the reproduction start instruction by the reproduction instructions means,</u> the reproducing means reproduces a ~~part~~

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predetermined amount of the moving image data of the contents concerning the selected

representative image ~~and writes~~ to write the ~~part~~ predetermined amount of the reproduced

moving image data in the memory and the reproduction processing means does not effect reading

out the written ~~part~~ predetermined amount of the moving image data from the memory, the

controlling means further controlling the reproduction processing means ~~in response to the~~

~~reproduction start instruction by the reproduction instruction means~~ so that the reproduction

processing means starts readout of the ~~part~~ predetermined amount of the moving image data from

the memory in response to the reproduction start instruction by the reproduction instruction

means,

wherein the moving image data includes a plurality of clips each showing series of

moving images, and each of the plurality of contents includes the plurality of clips belonging to

the same group.

2. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the moving

image data includes a plurality of clips each showing series of moving images, and each of the

plurality of contents includes each one of the clips.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the displaying means

generates a plurality of display hierarchies including the contents different from one another, and

switches the representative image to be displayed, between the display hierarchies.

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5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the controlling means controls the reproducing means in response to the switching among the display hierarchies displayed by the displaying means so that the reproducing means reproduces the ~~part~~ predetermined amount of the moving image data of the content selected from among the plurality of contents of the display hierarchy newly displayed.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the controlling means further controls the reproducing means in response to the reproduction start instruction so that the reproducing means starts the data reproduction of the data from the ~~part~~ predetermined amount of the moving image data in the selected contents and writes the data from the ~~part~~ predetermined amount of the moving image data in the memory.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the controlling means controls the reproducing means in response to the selecting operation by the selecting means so that the reproducing means reproduces the moving image data of ~~a~~ the predetermined amount from a front end of the selected contents and writes the moving image data in the memory.

9. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus comprising:

reproducing means for (1) reproducing from a recording medium (a) moving image data of a plurality of contents ~~from a recording medium~~ and (b) management information which

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is different from the moving image data and which indicates addresses of the recording medium where the moving image data of the plurality of contents are recorded and (2) writing the reproduced moving image data in a memory;

displaying means for displaying a menu screen including a plurality of representative images of the plurality of contents on a display apparatus;

selecting means for selecting a desired representative image from among the plurality of representative images displayed on the menu screen;

reproduction instruction means for instructing reproduction start of the contents independently of a selecting operation by the selecting means;

reproduction processing means for reading out the moving image data stored in the memory and outputting the moving image data as reproduced image data; and

controlling means for controlling the reproducing means so that when the menu screen is being displayed by the displaying means ~~so that~~ before the reproduction start instruction by the reproduction instruction means, the reproducing means reproduces a ~~part~~ predetermined amount of the moving image data of the contents concerning each of the plurality of representative images displayed on the menu screen ~~and writes~~ to write the ~~part~~ predetermined amount of each moving image data in the memory, the controlling means further controlling the reproduction processing means ~~in response to the reproduction start instruction by the reproduction instruction means~~ so that in response to the reproduction start instruction by the reproduction instruction means, the reproduction processing means reads out and outputs, from among the predetermined amount of the moving image data of the plurality of contents stored in the memory, the ~~part~~ predetermined amount of the moving image data of the contents concerning the selected

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representative images ~~among the part of the moving image data of the plurality of contents stored in the memory~~.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the displaying means displays the representative image in response to a display instruction of the representative image, and the controlling means controls the reproducing means in response to the display instruction of the representative picture so that the reproducing means reproduces the ~~part~~ predetermined amount of each moving image data of the contents concerning the plurality of representative images displayed on the same screen by the displaying means and writes the ~~part~~ predetermined amount of each moving image data in the memory.

11. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the moving image data includes a plurality of clips each showing series of moving images, and each of the plurality of contents includes one of the clips.

12. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the moving image data includes a plurality of clips each showing series of moving images, and each of the plurality of contents includes the plurality of clips belonging to the same group.

13. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the displaying means generates a plurality of display hierarchies including the contents different from one another, and switches the representative image to be displayed, between the display hierarchies.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the controlling means controls the reproducing means in response to the switching of the menu screen so that the reproducing means reproduces a predetermined amount of the moving image data from the head of the each of the plurality of contents corresponding respectively to the plurality of representative images displayed on a post-switching menu screen.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the controlling means further controls the reproducing means in response to the reproduction start instruction so that the reproducing means starts the data reproduction of the data from the ~~part~~ <u>predetermined amount</u> of the moving image data in the selected contents and writes the data from the ~~part~~ <u>predetermined amount</u> of the moving image data in the memory.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 9, <u>wherein the predetermined amount is decided on the basis of data capacity of the memory and the number of screens of the representative images displayed on the same screen, and</u> wherein the controlling means controls the reproducing means so that the reproducing means reproduces the moving image data of ~~a~~ <u>the</u> predetermined amount ~~which is decided on the basis of data capacity of the memory and the number of screens of the representative screen displayed on the same screen,~~ from a front end of the contents concerning the plurality of representative images respectively and stores the moving image data of the predetermined amount in the memory.

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18 - 21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus comprising:

reproducing means for (1) reproducing ~~from a recording medium~~ (a) moving image data ~~from a recording medium~~ and (b) management information which is different from the moving image data and which indicates addresses of the recording medium where the moving image data of a plurality of contents are recorded and (2) writing the reproduced moving image data in a memory;

displaying means for displaying a menu screen including a plurality of representative images concerning a plurality of predetermined reproduction start positions in the moving image data recorded on the recording medium on a display apparatus;

selecting means for selecting a desired representative image from among the plurality of representative images displayed in the menu screen;

reproduction instruction means for instructing start of reproduction of the image data independently of a selecting operation by the selecting means;

reproduction processing means for reading out the moving image data stored in the memory and outputting the moving image data as reproduced image data; and

controlling means for controlling the reproducing means so that when the menu screen is being displayed by the displaying means ~~so that~~ before the reproduction start instruction by the reproduction instruction means, the reproducing means reproduces the moving image data of a predetermined amount from each of the plurality of predetermined reproduction start positions ~~and writes~~ to write the moving image data of the predetermined amount in the memory, the controlling means further controlling the reproduction processing means ~~in response to the~~

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~~reproduction start instruction by the reproduction instruction means~~ so that <u>in response to the reproduction start instruction by the reproduction instruction means,</u> the reproduction processing means starts to read out<u>, from among the moving image data of the plurality of contents stored in the memory,</u> the stored moving image data at the reproduction start position corresponding to the selected representative image ~~from among the moving image data of the plurality of contents stored in the memory~~.

23 - 25. (Cancelled)